Ford Eyes New Probe Of Chicago

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House Republican leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan says he will press for a House investigation of the civil disorders in Chicago last week if an FBI inquiry "proves inadequate."

Although there were apparent attempts by antiwar demonstrators to seek a confrontation with the police, he said in a statement, that "does not excuse the indiscriminate use of force and the flouting of basic American rights and freedoms."

Ford placed the blame "squarely on the Democratic Party bosses who ran the convention—Mayor Richard Daley and outgoing Democratic National Committee Chairman John Bailey."

He said they "gave the orders" that resulted in demonstrators, newsmen and convention delegates being beaten and manhandled.

Ford accused Vice President Humphrey of doing little more than expressing regret. Humphrey has supported the Chicago police.